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1. SOV AMB A FEW DAYS AGO CALLED ON GEN. ZIA TO INQUIRE ABOUT
PRESS REPORTS
(IN FACT GENERATED BY SOVS) THAT PAKISTAN IS
FURNISHING MILITARY SUPPORT TO SOMALIA.

2. ACCORDING TO HIS OWN ACCOUNT GIVEN TO CINCPAC ADM WEISNER AND
AMB FEB 2, GEN. ZIA TOLD SOV AMB THAT GOP MILITARY ASSISTANCE HAD

BEEN VERY MINOR BECAUSE OF VERY LIMITED PAK CAPABILITIES. SOME UNIFORMS, BLANKETS, TENTS, AND "OTHER SMALL THINGS" HAD BEEN SENT, WHICH SOMALIA HAD PAID FOR. HOWEVER, GEN. ZIA TOLD SOV AMB, IF GOP WERE ABLE TO FURNISH MORE IMPORTANT EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS TANKS AND AIRCRAFT, IT WOULD HAVE TO DO SO. ZIA TOLD SOV AMB THAT SOMALIA HAS LEGITIMATE CLAIM ON OGADEN TERRITORY; MOREOVER, GOP HAS HIGH REGARD FOR PAST SOMALI SUPPORT DURING 1971 WAR. IN CONTRAST TO SOVS, WHO SHIFT THEIR FRIENDSHIPS ON GROUNDS OF EXPEDIENCY, GOP REMEMBERS ITS FRIENDS IN TIME OF NEED.

3. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSION, MFA SEC GEN AGHA SHAHI TOLD ADM. WEISNER AND A B THAT GEN. ZIA HAD ALSO TOLD SOV AMB THAT IF THERE WAS CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE FOR PAKISTAN TO PLAY IN HELPING ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS IN THE HORN, GOP WOULD BE HAPPY TO ASSIST AS MEDIATOR OR IN OTHER WAYS. SOV AMB DID NOT RESPOND.

4. SHAHI WANTED USG TO KNOW OF THIS OFFER BY GEN. ZIA, IN LIGHT OF AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENTS THAT USG WISHED TO SEE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND END THE CONFLICT. AMB SAID HE WOULD INFORM WASHINGTON.
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